Decline in Reading Habits

1491. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMERT be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that the reading habit awong the masses is on the decline;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to analyse the causes of the decline; and

(c) If so, the steps being taken to check the decline and encourage the reading habits ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) do not arise.

महाविद्यालयों में प्रवेश

1492. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले कुछ वर्षों से देश के कालेजों में प्रवेश चाहने वाले छात्रों की संख्या में तेजी से वृद्धि हो रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह अनुमान लगाया गया है कि 2000 ईसवीं सन् में ऐसे छात्रों की संख्या 5.50 मिलियन तक हो जाएगी और क्या छोटे कस्बों और पिछड़ क्षेत्रों में अच्छे कालेज खोलने को प्रोत्साहन देकर इस समस्या का समाधान करने के लिए कोई योजना बनाई गई अथवा बनाई जा रही है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो सरकार इस स्थिति से निपटने के लिए क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री अर्जुन सिंह) : (क) से (ग) देश में कालेजों के नामांकन में लगातार वृद्धि हुई है । अवर स्नातक कार्यक्रमों में नामांकित छात्रों की संख्या 1985-86 में 32 लाख से बढ़कर 1989-90 में 37 लाख तक हो गई । तथापि, अतिरिक्त नामांकन के प्रावधान के लिए कालेजों की संख्या में तदनुरूपी वृद्धि हुई है । इस अवधि के दौरान 1,000 से अधिक नए कालेज खोले गए है ।

केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा नए कालेज नहीं खोले जाते हैं । किसी विशेष क्षेत्र, संसाधनों की उपलब्धता तथा अन्य संबद्ध तथ्यों को ध्यान में रखते हुए राज्य सरकार, निजी न्यासों/पंजीकृत सोसायटियों द्वारा कालेजों की स्थापना की जाती है ।

नए कालेज खोलने के अलावा मौजूदा कालेजों की प्रवेश क्षमता को बढ़ाकर नए पाठ्यक्रम शुरू करके और उच्च शिक्षा के वैकल्पिक माध्यमों का प्रावधान करके कालेजों में प्रवेश की बढ़ती मांग को पूरा किया जा रहा है । इन्दिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय मुक्त विश्वविद्यालय को देश के शैक्षिक ढांचे से मुक्त विश्वविद्यालय तथा सुदूर शिक्षा प्रणालियां शुरू करके और उनको प्रोन्नत करने की जिम्मेदारी सौंपी गई है । अनेक विश्वविद्यालय सुदूर शिक्षा पद्धति के माध्यम से पाठ्यक्रम चला रहे हैं । अनेक विश्वविद्यालय परीक्षकों में बैठने के लिए बाह्य छात्रों को अनुमति भी प्रदान करते हैं ।

Integrated Scheme for Hyderabad

1493. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of Human Resource Developwent be pleased to state ;

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government have evolved an integtrated scheme for providing vocational trainig health cover and not-formal education to a section of women in Hyderabad ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) by when this scheme is likely to become operational ; and

(d) the funds proposed to be allotted to Andhra Pradesh for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BENERJEE) :

(a) to (d) No Sir, However, a few voluntary organisations have submitted proposals to the Central Government for imparting vocational training to adolescent girls in Sections of Hydrabad through the State Government of Andhra Pradesh under the Scheme for setting up of Employment-cum-Income Generating Units for Woman. A tie-up of components for health cover and non-formal education for the integrated development of these beneficiaries are also envisaged.

Rise in crime Against Women

1494. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is fact that there is a continous rise in the incidents of crime against women in the Hindi belt ;

(b) if so, what is the comparative percentage of rise in the crime incidents against women in the Hindi belt at the end of 1991 ;

(c) What are deficiencies, indentified by Government in the various laws providing constitutional and legal safeguards to wowen and the ressons for their failure to achieve the desired results ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE) : (a) & (b) According to the data furnished by the National Crime Records Bureau of the Ministry of Home Affairs, there is an increase in the incidents of crime against women in the Hindi belt. The trend figures for 1991 are not available. The available data shows that there was sharp increase in crime against women in 1989 over 1988 in both Hindi and non-Hindi belts, while the increase in 1990 over 1989 was at a lower rate as compared to the increase in 1989 over 1988 in the Hindi belt. A statement in the regard is annexed. (*see* below).

(c) The Department of women and Child Development has decided to amend the laws relating to women administered by it, such as (i) The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961; (ii) The Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987; (iii) The indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition)) Act, 1986 and (iv) The immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 in order to make their provisions more effective and stringent. The National Commission for Women is also to examine various laws relating to women which provide constitutional and legal safeguards to them wich is a continuing process.

Statement

Incidents of Total Crimes against Women during 1988, 1989 and 1990

Sl.	Region	1988	1989	1990	Percentage Variation in 1989 over 1988	Percentage Variation In 1990 over 1989
1	Hindi-Belt	26389	30320	31014	+14.9	+2·3
2	Non-Hindi-Belt	22224	25149	23853	+13·2	−5·2

Source : National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

NOTE : Figures are based on Monthly Crime Statistics and may be treated as provisional.